



## BACKGROUND

High quality mentoring programs that connect girls and women with STEM professionals can significantly increase the number of women who pursue and succeed in careers in STEM fields. Exposing girls to successful female role models can help counter negative stereotypes because girls see that people like them can be successful and the stereotype threat can be managed and overcome. **Recent surveys report that 18 million US children currently “want and need a mentor, but only 3 million have one.” This must change.**

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